



PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY NEVILLE PUBLIC MUSEUM GOVERNING BOARD

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., a meeting of the **Brown County Neville Public Museum Governing Board** was held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021 at the Neville Public Museum, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, Wisconsin

PRESENT: Kevin Kuehn, Cassandra Erickson, Todd Bartels, Tom Friberg by phone
ALSO PRESENT: Kasha Huntowski and Beth Kowalski Lemke
EXCUSED: Alex Renard, Kramer Rock, and Tim Sieber

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. Chair Kuehn called the meeting to order at 4:38PM.

2. **APPROVE/MODIFY AGENDA**

Motion made by Cassandra Erickson and seconded by Todd Bartels to approve the agenda.

3. **Museum Director Report.**

Budget Status and Update: Museum Director Lemke informed the board that 2021 revenue is proceeding as hoped, and that according to the American Alliance of Museums and Association of Science and Technology Centers data the Museum is doing better than other comparable museums in the Mid-West. She shared that the 2022 County Budget launch will be June 29, 2021, and that the department meeting with Executive and Administration will be August 23, 2021.

Education, Interpretation and Community Engagement: Museum Director Lemke shared with the Board the return to outreach events specifically Breakfast on the Farm, Juneteenth and a possible event in August. She informed the Board that she was creating a steering committee for the 2022 “HerStory” exhibit and that the committee would begin to meet in July. The purpose of the committee is to assist staff in narrowing down the period, the subjects covered, review content, and provide guidance on contemporary perspectives on womanhood. She also informed the Board that “Beauty of the Beasts” is an internally created art exhibition featuring over 140 pieces of art from the permanent collection that have never been on display together. Staff have added scientific facts to the animal groupings to give patrons additional information about the animals in the art. Staff have also engaged the Fab Collab, a group of local artists to fabricate a custom introduction panel for the exhibit. “Beauty of the Beasts” will open June 26 and close November 2, 2021.

Digital Media and Technology Update: Museum Director Lemke shared that Collections Manager Louise Pfothenhauer is busy working on field and data corrections in the Museum’s collection management database Past Perfect. To stay contemporary in the museum field, to achieve cost savings, and be more flexible, staff decided to migrate from the server edition to cloud edition in Fall of 2020. In a previous migration and then with the current migration there were glitches. To launch Past Perfect Public Access to our research audience accession records must be reviewed in detail before we make public the ability to research. The measurable goals are to launch select access to a group of records in the Fall of 2021 and determine a workplan for future launches into 2022.

4. **Such other matters as authorized by law:** Museum Director Lemke shared with the Board that the Museum has been acknowledged with three awards in the month of June. First, the Museum was awarded the 2021 Special Accomplishment Award from the Greater Green Bay Chamber. Second, the Museum has been awarded Best of Bay 2021. This announcement will be made public June 27, 2021. Last, Museum Director Lemke was

pleased to inform the Board that the Neville Public Museum's "Generations Gallery" has been selected to receive the 2021 Wisconsin Historical Society Board of Curators Exhibit Award – large budget. Museum Director Lemke will be coordinating the public announcement with the Wisconsin Historical Society.

The next scheduled meeting of the Neville Public Museum Governing Board will be July 12, 2021 Discussion ensued: no action taken.

5. Adjournment. Chair Kuehn, called the meeting to an end at 5:09PM. Motion made by Cassandra Erickson and seconded by Todd Bartels to approve.